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SUBJECT: CULTURAL COOPERATION IN THE ARTS

1. IN BRIEF REPORT OF IGOR MOISEYEV WASHINGTON PRESS CONFERENCE, PUBLISHED AUGUST 7, WASHINGTON POST (WP) REPORTS MOISEYEV SUGGESTION THAT "US-SOVIET CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM SHOULD MOVE ON TO MUTUAL PARTICIPATION." WP REPORTS THAT MOISEYEV, NOTING THAT SUCH COOPERATIVE VENTURES HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN VARIOUS SCIENTIFIC FIELDS AND AMONG ASTRONAUTS, TOLD THE NEWS CONFERENCE: "WE HAVE PASSED THE STAGE OF MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCE. THE TIME HAS COME WHEN CULTURAL EXCHANGE SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVE.."

2. CU/EE CALLED YEVSTAFYEV, SOVIET EMBASSY PRESS COUNSELOR AUGUST 7 TO SEEK ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND TO SUGGEST MEETING WITH MOISEYEV TO DISCUSS PRACTICAL STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTING HIS PROPOSAL. YEVSTAFYEV SAID THAT HE HIMSELF HAD CONDUCTED THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND HE CONFIRMED WP REPORT. YEVSTAFYEV ALSO SAID THAT MOISEYEV HAD SUGGESTED IN PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE TWO SIDES EXCHANGE CHOREOGRAPHERS TO
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STAGE PRODUCTIONS IN THE OTHER COUNTRY. YEVSTAFYEV AGREED

TO DISCUSS WITH MOISEYEV AND TO CALL DEPARTMENT, WHICH HE
HAS NOT YET DONE.

3. DEPARTMENT RECALLS THAT MOISEYEV HAS MADE SUCH PRO-
POSALS BEFORE, AND THAT SIMILAR PROPOSALS WERE MADE TO

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FURTSEVA WHEN SHE CALLED AT DEPARTMENT IN JAN 72. EMBASSY
MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP WITH DISCUSSIONS AT MINCULT, ON
APPROPRIATE OCCASION. KISSINGER

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